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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 24, 2005, for which a response was due on November 24, 2005. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to February 24, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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